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# ANZAC DAY



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## DAWN SERVICE

**108<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE GALLIPOLI LANDINGS  
TUESDAY 25 APRIL 2023**



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Playing of the didgeridoo

The didgeridoo (known as the *yidaki* by the traditional custodians of the Yolngu clans of north-east Arnhem Land), is not traditionally played in Ngunnawal country. It is played here today with the permission of the Ngunnawal peoples to acknowledge and pay respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and war.

### Welcome

### Hymn

#### O valiant hearts

*O valiant hearts who to your glory came  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.*

*Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war  
As who had heard God's message from afar;  
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,  
To save mankind – yourselves you scorned to save.*

*Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;  
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;  
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,  
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.*

## **Anzac dedication**

Principal Air Chaplain James Cox  
Director General Chaplaincy Air Force

*At this hour, on this day, 108 years ago, the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, at Gallipoli, made immortal the name of Anzac and established an imperishable tradition of selfless service, of devotion to duty, and of fighting for all that is best in human relationships.*

*We who are gathered here today in this dawn vigil remember with gratitude the men and women who have given, and are still giving, in our armed and supporting services, all that is theirs to give, in order that the world may be a nobler place in which to live.*

*And with them, we remember those left behind to bear the sorrow of their loss.*

*Let us therefore dedicate ourselves to taking up the burdens of the fallen and, with the same high courage and steadfastness with which they went into battle, set our hands to the tasks they left unfinished. Let us dedicate ourselves to the service of the ideals for which they died. Let us, with God's help, give our utmost to make the world what they would have wished it to be, a better and happier place for all of its people, through whatever means are open to us.*

## Laying of wreaths

His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)  
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Her Excellency the Honourable Dame Annette King DNZM  
High Commissioner for New Zealand to Australia

These wreaths are laid together on behalf of the people of Australia and New Zealand, symbolising the unity of Anzac and the strong bond of comradeship within which our two nations still live.

## Prayers of commemoration

Principal Air Chaplain James Cox

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.*

## Commemorative Address

The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

## **The Ode**

Major General Greg Melick AO RFD FANZCN SC (Retd)  
National President  
Returned and Services League of Australia

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

**All repeat:**

*We will remember them.*

## **The Last Post**

### **One minute's silence**

*Lest we forget.*

**All repeat:**

*Lest we forget.*

## **Reveille**

### **Benediction**

Principal Air Chaplain James Cox

## New Zealand National Anthem

### God defend New Zealand

*E Ihowā Atua,  
O ngā iwi mātou rā  
Āta whakarangona;  
Me aroha noa  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau tō atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa*

*God of Nations at Thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet,  
Hear our voices, we entreat,  
God defend our free land.*

*Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.*

## Australian National Anthem

### **Advance Australia fair**

*Australians all let us rejoice,  
For we are one and free;  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare;  
In history's page, let every stage  
Advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing,  
Advance Australia fair.*

*Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands;*

*For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share;  
With courage let us all combine  
To Advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.*

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

This Anzac Day ceremony is held on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal peoples.

The Australian War Memorial acknowledges the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia. We recognise their continuing connection to land, sea and waters. We pay our respects to elders past and present.

## Acknowledgements

### Master of Ceremonies

Mr Scott Bevan

### Yidaki (Didgeridoo) player

Sub-Lieutenant Jordon Bradshaw RAN  
Dunghutti, Bundjalung  
Royal Australian Navy

### Piper

Detective Inspector Stephen Ladd APM  
Australian Federal Police

### Australia's Federation Guard

Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon accompanied by members of the Band of the First Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment

The Memorial will open at 12 pm for registered visitors.  
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